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## PRESIDENT A FIREMAN

Elected an Honorary Member  
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## A PLEASING FUNCTION

HE THANKED THE MEMBERS FOR  
THE HONOR.

After This He Delivered an Address  
to the General Public in  
Hall.

CHATTANOOGA, Tenn., September 8.—President Roosevelt today was elected an honorary member of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen. He attended the executive session of the order in the morning, walking from the hotel to the Auditorium, a distance of five blocks, escorted by Grand Master Sargent, a committee of the brotherhood and a detachment of Troop B, State Guard.

The brotherhood first held its executive session, which the President attended. Acting Grand Master Hannahan welcomed the President, stating that his attendance at the convention would do great good to organized labor, not only in this country, but in Canada and other countries as well.

The President returned his thanks for the welcome and said he was glad to be with the brotherhood. He said the firemen's brotherhood was the result of a natural coming from the application of the principle of common sense to their work. He said that organized labor never had made an unreasonable request of him and that if he had he would have denied it. In speaking of the appointment of Grand Master Sargent of the Brotherhood to be commissioner general of immigration, the President said it was one of the most satisfactory appointments to him and to the public he had ever made. Mr. Sargent has a hard body and not a soft head.

### Honorary Membership Conferred.

John F. McNamee of Columbus, Ohio, one of the grand officers of the democratic member of the legislature, moved that the degree of grand honorary membership be conferred upon President Roosevelt. The motion was referred to the committee on constitution and by-laws, whose recommendation was unanimous that the motion be accepted. The report of the committee was adopted unanimously by rising vote amid cheers.

The President thanked the convention for the compliment paid him, and Grand Master Sargent then gave him a pass which admits him to all meetings of the brotherhood.

At this point the brotherhood adjourned to 9 o'clock tomorrow morning and the public was admitted to the auditorium to hear the President's address. While the audience was being seated the band rendered "The Star-Spangled Banner" and the others in the hall rising.

Mayor Chambliss delivered a short address of greeting, in which he welcomed to the city the President and his entourage. After an address of welcome in behalf of the state by Governor McMillin and an address by Grand Master Sargent, the President was introduced by Acting Grand Master Hannahan. His reception was most enthusiastic, the crowd cheering and shouting.

When the President addressed the convention as "My brothers," he was cheered again. He said he was glad to be with the firemen, and that he was glad to be with the firemen, and that he was glad to be with the firemen.

### Believes in Organized Labor.

"I believe emphatically," he said, "in organized labor. The worth of an organization depends upon its being handled with the skill, the wisdom, the spirit of fair dealing as between man and man, and the wise self-restraint which is glad to be able to say your brotherhood has shown."

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